India Ltd. (NAFED) monitors arrival, prices and export of onion on a daily basis and also fixes the Minimum Export Price for this.

Security cover to religious and cultural places

†*339. DR PRABHA THAKUR: Will the the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to provide special security cover to some of the important religious and cultural places of the country;

(b) if so, the places identified under the said plan; and

(c) the criterion adopted for above identification; alongwith the details of the budget provision Government have kept for security of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, providing security to religious sites/places and enhanced security inside the complex wherever needed is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. The protection inside religious places/sites is generally provided by the trust/management authorities concerned. At times, the trust/management authorities may request the State Government/ Union Territory Administration to provide security inside the regligious places/sites, which may be provided on the basis of local threat perception.

There is no formal plan prepared for this purpose. However, special security cover has been provided to some religious and cultural places as per the threat perception for those places.

The Ministry of Home Affairs with a view towards facilitating adequate protection to those places, in respect of which specific threat inputs may be available, also issues advisory for strengthening the security to the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. Assistance is also provided by the Central Government for strengthening the security

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arrangements through deployment of Central Para Military Forces and extending financial aid as and when requested by the States/Union Territories, to the extent possible.

The enhanced security cover by the Central Para Military Forces has been provided to various religious and cultural places including Ram Janam Bhoomi/Babri Masjid Complex, Ayodhya, Krishan Janam Bhoomi/ Shahi Idgah Masjid Complex, Mathura, Kashi Vishvanath Temple/Gyanvapi Mosque Complex, Varanasi, Taj Mahal, Agra, Rumtek Monastery, Gangtok (Sikkim), Red Fort, Rajghat and National Museum, Delhi and National Museum Salarjung, Hyderabad.

It is not possible to provide budgetary provisions as the expenditure on security is incurred by various organizations/agencies.

BSF jawans living in mud houses

†*340 SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the jawans of Border Security Force, posted on the borders in Tanot, almost 120 km away from Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, have to live in mud houses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this, the jawans have to face difficulties; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to build permanent concrete houses for these jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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